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TIGHTENING OF ISRAELI BLOCKADE

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Az-Zaman reported on 30 January 1953 that Israel is greatly concerned with the blockade, "which is having far-reaching results and will greatly harm the Israeli economy;" and that Egyptian authorities in the Canal Zone are now engaged in stopping smuggling attempts to Israel by way of the Suez Canal. There are 60 steamers, mostly oil tankers, now included in the black list for such activity, and these ships are subject to special maritime laws designed for control of the Suez Canal, az-Zaman reported.

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